



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date			
From		Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
		01	April	2022		31	March	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Darent Valley Community Church
Other names charity is known by	DVCC
Registered charity number (if any)	1183655
Charity's principal address	Aranda, Station Road, Eynsford, Kent, Postcode DA4 0EJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Steve Boddington	Trustee		
2	Colin Fogwill	Trustee (Treasurer)		
3	Adrian Elms	Trustee (Pastor)		
4	Alan Murphy	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Hedley Dunk Ltd	Trinity House, 3 Bullace Lane, Dartford, DA1 1BB

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	<p>(1) Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>(2) In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The object of the CIO is, for the public benefit, for the advancement of the Christian faith in the Darent Valley, Kent and such other parts of the united Kingdom and the world as the charity trustees may from time to time decide

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

- Weekly church services held at Anthony Roper Primary School, Eynsford, Kent.
- Holding of weddings, baptisms and funerals as requested by Members of the congregation.
- Small group meetings held in homes of people from the congregation with the purpose of worship, bible study, discipleship and encouragement, prayer.
- Community outreach into
 - Kingswood Court Sheltered Housing Unit
 - Anthony Roper School assemblies
 - Social Events
 - Eynsford Village Society Events
 - Prayer walking within the Darent Valley area
 - The Space Community Hub

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Church life started to return to normal for DVCC with the demise of the Covid pandemic . Our regular Sunday services and monthly café services have continued with good attendance and new folk joining the fellowship.

We continue a model of “Hybrid Church” using Zoom as well, allowing those from home to join, be seen and participate. The “Open Mic” time has really taken off with many people contributing. Prayer walking in Eynsford on Tuesday afternoon and West Kingsdown on Wednesday afternoons has continued with the addition of Horton Kirby/ South Darenth on Thursday morning. Many new people are being met and helped along life’s way.

For the third year running, and due to popular demand, we moved our services into the open air during July and August taking advantage of the beautiful setting of Eynsford Castle. Our theme was “The Armour of God” based on Ephesians Ch 6. We were joined by a new character called “Ronnie the Roman” and each week looked at a different piece of armour. Again we wanted this to be truly community based so invited and were joined by many local organisations. Unfortunately due to the Castle being closed on health and safety grounds we had to move part way through to the Anthony Roper school field. Our final open air service culminated in a barbecue where we were joined by some of the staff from the school.

In September we held another sell out Jazz concert with Raul D’Oliveira and friends. People from the village are already asking when the next one will be held!

Unfortunately the Riverside Café closed which meant we had to reconsider our Lunch Club which had become very popular and could not continue as was. The issue of addressing the need for a warm space and community hub was also identified and in December we launched a brand new initiative called “The Space”. Taking place on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am to 1.00pm in the Riverside Club. A light breakfast is provided. Tea, coffee and cakes served throughout the morning with soup and roll (winter) or ploughman’s lunch (summer) from 12.00 noon. Various activities are provided: Jigsaws , snooker , darts etc and some folk just like to sit and chat . There is a dedicated area for young children and parents. IT Support is available with the provision of 2 computers with internet access. To date we have an average attendance of 64 people per week. Several grants have been gratefully received from the local council to support the activity.

Another good year for DVCC where we have experienced growth in numbers, activity and personal character. We look forward to continuing to serve our community by practically showing the love of God in the year ahead.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity will endeavour to retain a minimum of three months (mean based on the previous 12 months expenditure) as a reserve.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Darent Valley Community Church does not engage in fund raising activities but is reliant on voluntary donations from church members.

Our fixed cost expenditure includes rent paid to a local primary school where meetings are held. The church also has one employee who pastors the church on a part time basis.

As a charity we support a number of organisations on a regular basis who minister both to young people and the underprivileged in the Sevenoaks area and further afield.

We invite guest speakers to the church and contribute to the charitable work they are involved in.

The church does not hold any investments. Any funds not immediately needed are transferred to a deposit account.

Section F

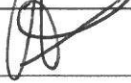
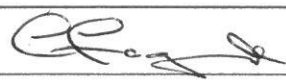
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Adrian Elms	Colin Fogwill
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee (Treasurer)

Date

27/11/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

DARENT VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

1183655

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To


31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings	37,742	-	-	37,742	35,275
Interest	186	-	-	186	5
Legacy	43,714	-	-	43,714	-
Grants	-	4,308	-	4,308	-
The Space Income	-	1,022	-	1,022	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,642	5,330	-	86,972	35,280
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,642	5,330	-	86,972	35,280
A3 Payments					
Salaries and pension costs	30,934	-	-	30,934	26,269
Donations	10,110	-	-	10,110	4,560
Youth work	265	-	-	265	129
Rent	3,870	960	-	4,830	3,467
Bank charges	88	-	-	88	103
Other expenditure	2,290	1,087	-	3,377	2,104
Equipment	2,136	1,673	-	3,809	3,868
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	49,693	3,720	-	53,413	40,500
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	49,693	3,720	-	53,413	40,500
Net of receipts/(payments)	31,949	1,610	-	33,559	5,220
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	29,635	-	-	29,635	34,855
Cash funds this year end	61,584	1,610	-	63,194	29,635

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	39,983	-	-
	Deposit account	23,188	-	-
	Cash	23	-	-
	Total cash funds	63,194	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Colin Fogwill	27/11/23

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Darent Valley Community Church

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Darent Valley Community Church (the Trust) for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signed:

Name: Jason Outram FCA DChA
Hedley Dunk Limited
Chartered Accountants
Trinity House
3 Bullace Lane
Dartford
30 November 2023